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1. As a result of a conversation with two key officials of the Jewish Agency, it is reported that the Jewish Agency is contemplating the transformation of the Haganah into a regular army structure. The army will reportedly consist of possibly two divisions of ten or twelve thousand troops each. The agency claims their source of manpower is fully adequate and inferred that arrangements are being made for the importation of heavy equipment.

2. [REDACTED] the reaction of the Jewish Agency is one of fear at the possibility of British military withdrawal from Palestine. The Agency has allegedly admitted that the Jewish settlements located in non-Jewish areas will be in severe danger. If the settlements are not evacuated, it is predicted that they will be annihilated, but Agency officials have expressed the belief that they will be able to withstand attack until the Haganah is equipped with artillery, tanks, and aircraft.

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3. [REDACTED] the Jewish Agency is apparently willing to sacrifice the Jews residing in Arab countries for the cause of Jewish people as a whole.

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